

DIVERSITY CAUCUS MEETING NOTES

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2019

HLC101

Meeting called to order at 2:10pm

1. **Welcome Back** – Selina and Brenda welcomed everyone back and highlighted the mission of the Caucus
2. **19-20 Funding Requests were approved and discussed:**
 - a. **ALANA BBQ** – Approved via email
 - b. Center for Academic Excellence – **Book Purchase for reading group** – Approved via email (Amy Beaudry gave an overview of the book and discussions)
 - c. NEW REQUEST – **Student Domestic Violence Peer Advocates (\$1000)** Brenda gave an overview and noted it is officially a club now. Asking to cover cost of 4th training. **Approved.**
 - d. NEW REQUEST – **4 Sankofa Lectures** for the school year (2 Fall and 2 Spring) (\$4000). Ben Wendorf gave an overview and noted the 2 fall lectures are 10/8 and 10/17 at 11:00am. Dr. Jarvis Givens and Dr. Mary Hicks. Dr. Jeffrey Alman and Willie Perdomo are scheduled for the spring. **Approved for the full year.**
 - e. NEW REQUEST – **Film presentation & filmmaker discussions** – Respect and Love – Angelique Webster (Diversity Fare) (\$3-500 plus pizza lunch for students (\$3.50 pp)). Available to come November 7th. Invite Tina to be present and share cards. Idea of targeting classes taught at that time. Consider starting at 11am or 12:30pm. Any film or theater classes at that time? Playwriting class on T R at 12:30pm. **Approved \$400 for filmmaker and approximately \$300 for pizza.**
 - f. NEW REQUEST – **Social Justice Speaker Series** in partnership with QCC's Sociology Dept. to provide honoraria for Dr. Alex Briesacher and Dr. Thomas Conroy from WSU to share research and activism using WPS data to develop expertise in trauma-informed approached to student behavior. (\$775) Gaelan gave an overview and the potential date is October 15th at 11am or 12:30pm. **Approved.**
3. **Display Case** – overall looking for ideas and connections to displays we can show in our case. Gaelan noted the Worcester Historical museum may be a connection for LGBTQ display. Worcester has moved to honoring LGBTQ month in September. Gaelan will reach out. Brenda will do February and African American Heritage month.
 - a. September 15/October 15 - (National Hispanic Heritage Month)
 - b. November - (Native American Indian Heritage Month)
4. **Diversity Event ideas for 19-20 school year**
 - a. **I Stand with Immigrants Day of Action** – October 22nd The group discussed participating again this year and potential food options with the HRM program and other ideas.
 - b. **Brave Space/Courageous Conversations** – held monthly on Wednesdays at Noon. Resend to QCCfamily.
 - c. **Doe West** – Offer for campus wide lecture/training. Selina shared Doe's offer and the group discussed idea of tapping our own experts and faculty to present

however questions around training vs. a presentation. Can be a both and situation and not connected or sponsored by DS Office. May be a diversity fare topic with a panel and sharing of experiences around disability.

5. Other Items

Meeting concluded at 3:05pm

Next Meeting – 10/22 at 2:00pm in HLC101